



First Presbyterian Church

For Christ in the Heart of Charlotte

Founded in 1821

Order of Worship

*Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 16, 2022
11 a.m.*

Preparation

Prelude

Words of Welcome

The Reverend Pen Peery

Chiming of the Trinity

Adoration

*Call to Worship

One: Praise be to God the Creator,

All: who breathes life into being.

One: Praise be to God the Redeemer,

All: who saves us from ourselves.

One: Praise be to God the Sustainer,

All: who binds us together as one body.

One: Let us worship God.

Confession

1 Praise the Lord! God's glo - ries show,
 2 Earth to heaven ex - alt the strain, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Strings and voic - es, hands and hearts,

saints with - in God's courts be - low,
 Send it, heaven, to earth a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia!
 in the con - cert, bear your parts,

an - gels round the throne a - bove,
 Age to age, God's mer - cies trace, Al - le - lu - ia!
 All that breathes, your Lord a - dore,

all who see and share God's love.
 Praise God's prov - i - dence and grace! Al - le - lu - ia!
 sing - ing praise for - ev - er - more,

Call to Confession

The Reverend Robert Galloway

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you call, but we are hard of hearing. You beckon, but we turn the other way.
Sin keeps us from responding to you, and so we fail to love mercy, show kindness, and walk humbly with you.

Forgive our lack of attention to the things that matter. Focus us on your call to worship and service.
Release us from all that prevents us from being the people you would have us be, so that we may choose the path that points in the way of Jesus Christ, whose love is stronger than death. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the good news.
All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Response to Pardon (Hymn No. 581)

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Time with Children

Children age 3 through first grade may leave for First Church. They will return to the sanctuary during the last hymn.
Older children are encouraged to stay and worship with their families.

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

Anthem

"I Will Arise"

Alice Parker/Robert Shaw

I will arise and go to Jesus. He will embrace me in his arms, in the arms of my dear Savior. Oh! There are ten thousand charms. Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love. Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace. Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Scripture

Luke 4:14-30

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Sermon

"Expectations"

The Reverend Pen Peery

*Hymn No. 697

"Take My Life"
(stanzas 1, 5, and 6)

HENDON

1. Take my life and let it be consecrated,
Lord, to thee; take my moments and my
days; let them flow in ceaseless praise; let
them flow in ceaseless praise.

5. Take my will and make it thine; it shall be
no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine
own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be
thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

The 11 a.m. service is
televised over WAXN-TV,
Channel 64 this morning
and streamed live at
www.firstpres-charlotte.org
and on Facebook Live.

**The flowers are given to
the glory of God** and in
loving memory of Henry
Gray Caldwell.

**The sympathy of
the congregation is
expressed** to David Taylor
on the death of his father,
Robert Brown Taylor.

Response

Affirmation of Faith

The Reverend Chuck Williamson

*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Stewardship of Life

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Offertory Anthem

"Write Your Blessed Name"

K. Lee Scott

Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart, there to remain so indelibly engraved that no prosperity, that no adversity shall ever ever move me from your love. Be to me a strong tower of defense, a comforter in tribulation, a deliverer in distress, and a faithful guide to the courts of heaven through the many temptations and dangers of this life. O Jesu, my only Savior! Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart, there to remain so indelibly engraved that no prosperity, that no adversity shall ever ever move me from your love.

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

Statement of Purpose

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination

Charge

Sending Forth

*Hymn No. 733

"We All Are One in Mission"

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*Benediction

*Benediction Response

"Amen"

DANISH

Postlude

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

We welcome all to First Presbyterian Church as we worship together, knowing that each of us is a beloved part of the body of Christ.

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Pastor on call
If you have a pastoral emergency outside of regular church hours, dial 704.927.0256 for the on-call voicemail. Your call will be returned promptly.

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First Presbyterian Church Announcements

First Presbyterian Church Closed, January 17

The church is closed on Monday, January 17 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Watch Father Greg Boyle's Lecture

A recording of Father Boyle's January webinar is now available on the church website. | bit.ly/willard2022

Plowshares Book Discussion, February 10, 6:30 p.m., Zoom

Please join us for a discussion on "How the Word Is Passed: A Reckoning With the History of Slavery Across America" by Clint Smith. The book focuses on Smith's visits to nine historical sites across the country and reveals that what we were taught about our nation's history regarding slavery is not always accurate. | To register, email fkcampbell@gmail.com.

In Loving Memory of

Henry Gray Caldwell
July 25, 2020 - January 8, 2022

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, says the Spirit.
Revelation 14:13

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